

Lane's Facts Need Checking

TAMPA — While it is entirely possible that the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy had private reservations concerning the conclusions of the Warren Commission, there is ample reason to doubt Mark Lane's assertions — reported in the November 13 issues of both Tribune and Times — that Senator Kennedy at any time secretly supported the Garrison probe.

As one with a more-than-academic interest in the New Orleans "investigation" — having been charged with perjury relating to it by Mr. Garrison — I've taken the trouble to check out Mark Lane's statements on this and a number of other subjects.

According to all sources except Mr. Lane, Robert Kennedy was deeply suspicious of Mr. Garrison in both public and private. And when Senator Kennedy planned a visit to Louisiana shortly before his death, he took the trouble to request assurance from the governor of that state that he would be immune to Garrison's powers of subpoena. Even Jim Garrison, when questioned about Mr. Lane's stories of "secret emissaries," told an interviewer in the July 12, 1968 Los Angeles Free Press, "... I would not say 'emissaries,' because they did not come straight from Robert Kennedy to me carrying red briefcases, or anything like that — in other words, it was a very loose liaison."

And according to the very scholarly and objective Warren Report critic, Sylvia Meagher — the woman who single-handedly indexed the Report and the 26 volumes of "supportive material," and who wrote the book, "Accessories After The Fact" (Bobbs-Merrill, 1967) — even Mr. Garrison's watered-down version of Mark Lane's tale of two emissaries is untrue. Mrs. Meagher says that figure of speech concerning "guns between" Senator Kennedy and the White House was originated by yet another Warren Report critic, Jones Harris, who does not attribute it to Robert Kennedy.

Both Mr. Lane and Mr. Garrison are extremely loose with their facts, even on matters of public record. They seem unconcerned when their carelessness harms innocent people, or even when it serves to convince responsible and informed people that Warren Report critics are generally untruthful. This has caused a growing number of those who disagree



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with the findings of the Warren Commission — including Leo Sauvage, Mrs. Meagher, J. D. Thompson, David Lifton, Edward Epstein, and others — to speak out against the distortions, errors, exaggerations, and misrepresentations put forth by Mr. Garrison and his politically motivated followers.

In rejecting the findings of the Warren Commission, it is not necessary to accept those of the Garrison probe. If more Americans realized this a Congressional investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy would become a political possibility, since a majority of the people reject the conclusions of the Commission — but all too many of them do nothing about it because they believe Jim Garrison's claim that he has "solved" the assassination, though Garrison himself has admitted that only a Congressional investigation can bring the full truth out.

Write your Congressman and your Senators today — urging them to support a professional and objective investigation of the JFK assassination. That way Mr. Lane will have an opportunity to repeat his story of the secret emissaries — under oath.

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